

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

[0059] Referring to Fig. 1a, the upper chamber 12 includes a nozzle assembly 16 supported by a frame including a first connector on each lateral end thereof, as described in U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/781,929, filed February 20, 2004~~ 7,318,437 and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The nozzle assembly 16 is secured to the frame via a clip 18 which in this embodiment supports a pressure measurement port 20. The nozzle assembly 16 may include a pair of nozzles 17 (see Figs. 1c and 1d).

Please replace paragraph [0069] with the following amended paragraph:

[0069] In a third embodiment of the invention, as shown in Figs. 3a and 3b, inlet air is directed directly to the lower chamber 14 through a swivel assembly 50. The upper chamber 12 does not have any inlet conduits but instead the air is directed to the upper chamber 12 by traveling through a conduit extending from the first surface 36 to the second surface 37. The use of a swivel assembly 50 has the advantage that the inlet conduit (not shown, but connected to end 52 of swivel assembly 50) can be routed from any direction. Further, nozzle assembly 16 need not be provided with second connectors 34 and elbow connectors 26 as shown in Fig. 1a. Instead, a pair of plugs 54 may be placed into each end of the nozzle assembly 16, as described in U.S.

Patent Application No. ~~10/781,929, filed February 20, 2004~~ 7,318,437 and entitled "Nasal Assembly", incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0071] with the following amended paragraph:

[0071] Figs. 5a-5d illustrate yet another embodiment of the invention. As can be seen from Fig. 5a, a swivel assembly 50 provides air from an air delivery tube (not shown) and supplies it to the mouth covering chamber 40 (best shown in Fig. 5b). The cushion 42 is connected to the rigid frame 38 of the mouth covering chamber 40 via a cushion clip 56. As best shown in Fig. 5b, the nozzles 17 are connected or provided directly to the outer face contacting portion of the cushion 42 which takes the form of a thin silicone membrane 58. The membrane 58 performs the dual function of forming a seal around the lips of a patient and additionally supporting the nozzles 17. The inherent flexibility of the membrane 58 provides a range of adjustment to adapt to the different geometry of a wide range of patients and in addition allows for any movement of their jaw and head position during sleep. It should be noted that whilst this embodiment describes nozzles (which may be in the form of nasal pillows, nasal prongs, cannula, or nasal puffs) 17 of a similar form to those disclosed in US Patent application No. 10/781,929 filed 20 February 2004 7,318,437, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by cross-reference, they may take the form of any nasal prongs insertable into each nare. As shown in Fig. 5d, the patient interface can easily be attached via clips 60 to a headgear assembly 31 in order to secure the patient interface to the patient. The headgear 31 includes an intermediate strap 31a extending between clip 60 and connector 33. The clip 60 and its connection to frame 30 resemble the clip/frame described in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/655,603, filed September 5, 2003 Publication 2004/0112384 A1, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0076] with the following amended paragraph:

[0076] Two alternative cushions, 42A and 42B without gussets are displayed in Fig. 7b. It should be noted that each of the nozzles 17 on cushion 42B includes a simple mound rather than

containing a single flexible pleat as do the nozzles on cushion 42 and cushion 42A. The nozzles 17 may also include a plurality of corrugations and in general the nozzles may take the form of a nasal puff as described in U.S. Patent No. 4,782,832 (Trimble et al), or as in other known nasal cannulae, such as prongs that extend into the nares. Further nozzle alternatives are described in U.S. Application No. 10/781,929, filed February 20, 2004 Patent 7,318,437 and entitled "Nasal Assembly."

Please replace paragraph [0091] with the following amended paragraph:

[0091] The side wall of the cushion 42 supports the pair of nozzles 17. Similar to the above embodiments, the nozzles 17 may have a similar form to those disclosed in U.S. Patent application No. 10/781,929 filed 20 February 2004 7,318,437, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by cross-reference, however they may take the form of any nasal prongs insertable into each nare.

Please replace paragraph [00110] with the following amended paragraph:

[00110] Figs. 43-46 illustrate embodiments of patient interfaces including a cushion 42 and a pair of nozzles 17 mounted to the cushion 42. The nozzles 17 are mounted to the cushion 42 to add flexibility to the nozzles 17 with respect to the cushion 42. For example, Fig. 43 illustrates nozzles 17 mounted within respective rounded recesses 120 or scalloped reliefs provided in the side wall of the cushion 42. The depth of the recess 120 may be suitably modified to provide desired variations of flexibility. For example, the recesses 120 may be relatively deep for greater flexibility as shown in Fig. 44, or the recesses 120 may be relatively shallow for moderate flexibility as shown in Fig. 45. Fig. 46 illustrates an embodiment wherein

a radial notch ~~422~~ 22 is provided in the conduit 19 that interconnects each nozzle 17 with the cushion 42. The notch ~~422~~ 22 adds flexibility to the conduit 19 which facilitates movement of the nozzle 17 with respect to the cushion 42.